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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Appeal Brief***

The appeal brief filed on 11/8/05 is defective.

A review of the file reveals that the appellants include claim 17 as an independent claim under the heading "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter." However, claim 17 has been cancelled according to an amendment filed on December 15, 2003. A clarification is needed to clarify whether or not claim 17 has been cancelled.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, appellant must ratify the appeal brief within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this communication, whichever is longer. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/4/03 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

### ***Evidence Relied Upon***

In the Examiner's Answer that was mailed on 3/13/06 the evidence relied upon by the examiner in the rejection of the claims under appeal was inadvertently omitted. The evidence relied upon is listed below:

US Patent 6106932 to Carides et al. 08-2000  
US Patent 6693544 to Hebbecke 02-2004

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Willmon Fridie whose telephone number is 571 272 4476. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ASHLEY BOYER can be reached on 571 272 4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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